

RETAIL MERCHANTS ASK PRESIDENT FOR D. C. FREIGHT HEAD

An appeal to President Wilson from Washington merchants for appointment of a freight dictator to be known as freight and cartage director of the District with mandatory powers to order freight removal within forty-eight hours after arrival in on his desk today.

Following action by the special committee of the Retail Merchants' Association of this city, its president, R. P. Andrews, addressed the following communication to the President:

"The Retail Merchants' Association of Washington has taken cognizance of the very serious condition that confronts the National Capital with respect to the receipt and delivery of freight.

"One-Fourth Being Delivered. You will be surprised to know that only about one-fourth of the freight that is received in Washington is being delivered per day. This matter was discussed at a meeting of the association and a special committee appointed, which met today. This committee was made up of drayage men as well as merchants and dealers, the personnel not being confined to the membership of this organization.

"As chairman of that committee and president of the Retail Merchants' Association, I am directed to respectfully urge that you immediately appoint a freight and cartage director for the District of Columbia, who shall be given mandatory powers to the end that freight shall be moved from the terminals within forty-eight hours after its arrival, and that the director be empowered to move this said freight at the risk and cost of the shipping companies.

"We recommend that this official be given office for the length of the war, as it is our desire that nothing shall intervene to hamper the evolution of governmental business nor to jeopardize the interest of Government workers and the population of the National Capital generally.

"We regret to have to bother you with what might seem a local matter, but the situation is so serious that almost instant action is necessary."

Situation More Serious. At a meeting yesterday the committee on freight and cartage of the Retail Merchants' Association drafted the letter to President Wilson. The consensus of opinion at the meeting was decidedly in favor of the appointment of a local man with plenty of time to handle the work of freight dictator.

Among those present were R. P. Andrews, chairman; F. W. Holman, J. Phillip Hermann, W. W. Everett, Samuel H. Freese, J. E. Alford, and John L. Newbold.

"It is an acute situation we face," said W. W. Everett today. "Something must be done. We are perfectly willing to do our own hauling after Christmas, but we feel that the authorities must do something immediately to straighten matters out. A dictator of traffic seems to be the solution."

**SOUTHERN CURTAILS
ITS SLEEPER SERVICE**

In line with the action taken by the Pennsylvania Railroad and other Eastern lines, the Southern Railway today announced curtailment of its sleeping car service out of Washington.

In the future, it is announced, only two trains will be held in Washington for connections, the one leaving at 8:45 a. m. for Birmingham and New Orleans, and the one leaving at 4:25 a. m. for Memphis and Nashville. All other trains will leave Washington on schedule.

NO IMMUNITY FOR HUMBERT.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The Senate has voted to suspend the immunity from prosecution granted by its rules to Senator Humbert. The request was made by the general attorney. Presumably this move is preliminary to prosecution of Humbert on the scandal growing out of the Bolo Zasha case.

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Southern Railway Company.

Necessities of the Government in the movement of troops and supplies for the conduct of the war have compelled a curtailment of passenger train service throughout the country, and have particularly affected those lines upon which military camps are located. Substantial reduction has been made by lines east of Washington in through sleeping car service operated in connection with the Southern Railway and New Orleans and New York-Birmingham cars on No. 25 and the New York-Memphis and New York-Nashville cars on No. 26. Sleeping car service will be operated locally from Washington on the following Southern Railway trains:

No. 27—Atlanta section, leaving Washington 10:30 p. m.; sleeping cars to Atlanta.

No. 27—New Orleans section, leaving Washington 10:45 p. m.; sleeping cars to New Orleans.

No. 28—Birmingham Special, leaving Washington 5:35 p. m.; sleeping cars to Birmingham. Effective Sunday, December 23, No. 28 will leave Washington at 4:15 p. m. Coaches are handled on No. 28.

No. 29—Leaving Washington 7:30 p. m.; sleeping cars to Augusta, Ga.; Athens, S. C., and Asheville, N. C. Coaches.

No. 30—Leaving Washington 9:45 p. m.; sleeping cars to Chattanooga, Vicksburg, and New Orleans. Coaches.

No. 31—Leaving Washington 4:35 a. m.; sleeping cars to Memphis and Nashville. Coaches.

Delays contribute difficulties and must, so far as humanly possible, be avoided.

Therefore, the trains enumerated above, with the exception of No. 25 and No. 26, which handle through sleeping cars, will not be held at Washington for connections. They will depart on time scheduled and be limited to their present capacity.

Parties traveling from points east of Washington to points south, in connection with any of these trains, are urged to regulate their movements into Washington so as to insure connection and to satisfy themselves, beforehand, that accommodations south of Washington will be available.

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Lansburgh & Bro.'s Store of Greater Service Is Full of Christmas

Editorial

Yesterday, as we were walking up F street, we noticed a kettie hanging to a tripod asking for contributions to buy presents for little children that Santa might overlook.

It just occurred to us that in the excitement of war work we might forget to buy gifts for the little boys and the little girls who do not have as much of this world's goods as we have.

The war has made their living even harder than under normal conditions. Chances are they are not getting as much of that "little" to which they were formerly accustomed.

Let's just sit down—right now—and add a few extra gifts to our list for "poor kids," even though we don't know their names.

We've thousands of useful wearables that cost practically nothing, but, my, what a lot of joy they'll give.

Lydia

Xmas Jewelry

Those pretty little items that don't cost much yet make splendid gifts.

Jewel Casque Combs with white or colored setting; nicely boxed, 98c.

Solid Gold Shell Lavalliers, guaranteed 10 years; nicely boxed, 98c.

Solid Gold Shell Friendship Circle Brooches, guaranteed 10 years; nicely boxed, 50c.

1st Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

Leather Goods

Some Xmas Gifts for Men and Women

All-leather Music Rolls, 98c.

All-leather Music Rolls, \$1.50.

Men's All-leather Bill Folds of genuine morocco, \$1.98.

Men's Collar Bags of all leather, \$1.50.

All-leather Tourist Case, consisting of military brushes, with brush and holder, and soap box, \$4.98.

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Grandmother Sent Grandpa

Down Town to Buy Some
Gifts for the Children

He said he didn't want to go, but he did, you could tell by the twinkle in his eye and by the rapidity with which he got into his overcoat and over shoes.

Grandmother not only sent him down town, but she sent him to Lansburgh & Bro. Here are the things he looked at in making his purchases:

Handkerchiefs that were plain white and those with cute little colored embroidery in the corners.

Gloves, from the rough and ready kind for out-door sports, to the fancy kid ones for "Sunday wear."

Rubber Boots with red tops and soft woolly linings. Just the thing for sloppy weather.

Stockings, the warm, woolly kind, that will keep little feet and legs warm as toast.

Fur Sets that will make the little girls proud as a peacock.

Slippers for little feet of evenings after the shoes are put aside for the day.

Dresses—the cotton and the wool ones. Grandpa had a hard time deciding which, as all were pretty.

Coats, no doubt, also made the best of gifts, and there was such a large variety of styles to choose from.

Dolls, we won't tell you what else grandpa bought, but we will say that he carried three dolls with him.

For the littlest baby he looked at Knitted Sets, Toques, Leggings, Rattles, and a hundred and one other pretty and practical things.

Perhaps what grandpa looked at will help you in making your selections.

A December Sale

Up to \$3 Lace Curtains, at, Pair \$1.29

We have several hundred pair of fine Filet Net Curtains—9 point net—finished with neat lace design border. Take your choice of white, cream or ecru.



Scotch Lace Curtains in madras weaves that are reproductions of the finest hand-made laces; in white only. 3-yard Nottingham Curtains, strongly made, in an assortment of new designs. White or ecru. Fine Voile Curtains, finished with real Henkel edging lace edge.

Some Gift Furniture

Attractive Willow Furniture in natural color. Especially nice for living rooms and bedrooms.

Willow Chairs, \$3.95 Willow Rockers, \$4.95

Reed Chairs, \$4.95 Willow Tables, \$7.49

Willow Tea Wagons, \$22.75

Imported Japanese Oriental Rugs

Three Different Prices

These rugs are made in Japan of heavy quality jute, in pretty Japanese designs and colors. Size 12x18 feet.

Prices.....\$5.00 \$8.00 \$10.00

Velour and Tapestry Scarfs

Plain velour, trimmed with gold braid and a piece of tapestry on either end. Come in rose, blue or brown. Size 18x50 inches. Pair, \$2.50. Fourth Floor, Lansburgh & Bro.

Xmas Linens

This may be your last opportunity to give linens, as they are getting more scarce. It is almost impossible to find them on the market. Very fortunately, we have a fairly good supply—enough for all gift purposes for this Christmas.

2x2 Tablecloths, \$3.00 to \$15.00.

2x2 1/2 Tablecloths, \$4.50 to \$18.75.

2x3 Tablecloths, \$6.00 to \$22.50.

2 1/2 x 3 1/2 Tablecloths, \$8 to \$18.00.

2 1/2 x 3 1/2 Tablecloths, \$10 to \$25.

Napkins to match, \$4.00 to \$25.

Hemstitched Huck Towels, doz., \$4.50 to \$24.00.

Hemmed Huck Towels, doz., \$2.00 to \$9.00.

1-yd. square Hemstitched Tablecloths, \$1.50 to \$2.00 and \$2.50.

1 1/4-yd. square Hemstitched Tablecloths, \$2.50 to \$3.50 and \$5.00.

1 1/2-yd. square Hemstitched Tablecloths, \$2.50 to \$3.50 and \$5.00.

First Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

Regular \$5.00 Black Serge Skirt Lengths \$2.98

Three Hundred Skirt Lengths, 50-inch, all wool; extra double warp quality. Crow black storm serge, non-crushable and dust resisting. A most practical gift. Entire \$5.00 skirt length of 2 1/2 yards at only \$2.98.

Gown Lengths of Cashmere Foule at \$3.98

44-inch Garnet Cashmere Foule, all pure wool, soft, drapy quality; luster finish, like a Henrietta. Four yards worth \$6.00. One hundred lengths to go tomorrow at only \$3.98.

Third Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

Christmas Undermuslins

Corset Covers made of fine quality nainsook; yokes all prettily trimmed with dainty laces and ribbon. All boxed—79c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Night Robes of fine nainsook lace and ribbon trimmed. Also envelope chemises of fine nainsook; yokes all trimmed with embroidery or laces. At \$1.95 and \$2.25.

White Petticoats, lace and embroidery trimmed. \$1.00 to \$2.95.

Envelope Chemises and Night Robes, all prettily trimmed with laces; white or flesh colored. 99c and \$1.25.

3rd Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

Popular Groups of Christmas Handkerchiefs

Assortments Are Rapidly Growing Smaller

At 5c Each

Women's White or Colored Handkerchiefs, with rolled edge. Women's White or Colored Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, with embroidered corners. Women's Handkerchiefs, with mourning border. Women's Handkerchiefs, with colored centers and embroidered corners. Women's Handkerchiefs, with white or colored initial.

At 18c Each

Men's Fine Cambric Plain or Initialed Handkerchiefs. Men's Khaki Hemstitched Handkerchiefs. Women's All-linen Handkerchiefs, with embroidered corner. Women's Shamrock or Fine Lawn Handkerchiefs, with white or colored designs.

At 12c Each

Men's Fine Cambric Handkerchiefs, with hemstitched edge; with or without initial. Women's Shamrock or Fine Lawn Handkerchiefs, with embroidered corner. Women's Fine Cambric Handkerchiefs, with hemstitched edge. Women's All-linen Handkerchiefs, with hemstitched edge. First Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

Happiness For Some One In

These Stunning Blouses

New Fern Blouses of fine voiles or organdies, all prettily trimmed with laces and embroideries. Sizes 36 to 46. Special at \$1.00.

Blouses of black peau de soie, taffeta, pussy willow or crepe de chine in nicely tailored models. Trimmed with tucks and pleats, high or low necks. \$5.00 and \$5.95. Blouses of good quality crepe de chine, nicely tailored; white or flesh colored. Special at \$3.50.

Second Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

Christmas Slippers

Can you imagine a home without them—a pair at the foot of the bed in the morning—close to the eas chair at night. And here they are, in wonderful holiday array, on "Slipper Avenue," Lansburgh & Bro.

Slippers for Every Member of the Family

We thought we had bought too many slippers when they were first opened, but judging from the way they're going we won't have enough.

Men's Slippers of felt or leather, in plain or novelty styles; 50c to \$4.

Women's Slippers in inexpensive styles to the elaborate models; 69c to \$10.

Children's Slippers in most pleasing styles and prettiest patterns ever shown; 98c to \$1.50.

Second Floor—Lansburgh & Bros.



Suitable Gifts for Xmas

Silk Chiffon Velvet Handbags, in black or colors. Beautifully lined and fitted with purse and mirror; \$5.98.

Silk Chiffon Velvet Handbags, beaded with contrasting colors. Flowered silk lining; fitted with purse and mirror; \$9.98.

Black Velvet Handbags; fitted with purse and mirror; nicely lined; \$1.50.

1st Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

Xmas Suggestions For Boys

Boys' One and Two-pants Wool Suits made in pinch or pleated back models, with three-piece belts and slash or patch pockets. Full cut pants, lined and taped throughout. Brown, gray or fancy homespun or English mixtures. Sizes 7 to 17. Very special at.....\$5.55

Raincoats and Hats, \$2.98 and \$3.98. Bath Robes, \$2.98 and \$3.98. Blouses, 35c to \$1.15. Sweaters, \$2.25 to \$4.98. Belts, 29c. Ties, 29c and 65c. Pants, \$1.25 to \$1.98. Suspenders, 29c. Wash Suits, 99c to \$5.00. Shirts, 65c to \$1.15. Caps, 59c to \$1.00. Wool Suits, \$4.98 to \$15.00. Party Suits, \$5.98 to \$9.98. Hats, 59c to \$4.95. 5th Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

Most Attractive Neckwear for Yuletide Gifts



Men say it is hard to choose suitable gifts for women. It is if you make it so. But there are loads of things a woman loves to receive. Take Neckwear, for instance. She'll be delighted with a new stock and jabot or collar and cuff set. Don't make any difference how many she already has.

Special, \$1.00

Collars of Satin. Collars of Broadcloth. Collars of Net. Collars of Georgette Crepe. Stocks and Jabots of Nets and Laces. Mercerized Neck Scarfs. Boudoir Caps. Circular and Straight Veils. Collar and Cuff Sets of Organdie and Georgette Crepe.

Special, 50c

Charming Stocks and Jabots, made of lace and net. Collars made of Georgette Crepe, Swiss, Satin and Ribbon. Neckties with beaded ends.

Veiling

—and Veils that are suitable for gift purposes. A very wide range of prices.

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